

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether in case the benefit of the Nagercoil water supply is extended, some of the surrounding villages will not be benefited? In case a reservoir is constructed, will it not be sufficient to meet the demands? Will it be possible to replenish the reservoir from the Kodayar project?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It might be possible, but there will be no water during summer.

Neyyar Dam Scheme.

201. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Neyyar Dam Scheme has been investigated?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, a preliminary investigation has been made.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether any estimate has been prepared by Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, an estimate is under preparation.

Junghar at Cheriappilli ferry in Parur.

202. * **MR. E. K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state the present condition of the junghar at Cheriappilli ferry in Parur taluk?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The boats are leaky and hence arrangements have been made to replace them.

Scarcity of water in the lands irrigated by Tovala Channel.

203. * **MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that even before the breach in the Tovala Channel on 30-1-1945 there was scarcity of water in the lands irrigated by it?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

Drinking water supply to the rural parts.

204. * **MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have any definite post-war reconstruction scheme for the supply of protected drinking water to the rural parts of the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to item (a).

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: When can we expect the scheme to be ready?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It may take some time. We have not begun yet; it requires a survey.